

Citizens Clean Elections Commission

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DEADLINE EXTENDED FOR APPLICATIONS FOR CLEAN ELECTIONS COMMISSIONER

Applications are being taken for the Citizens Clean Elections Commission, which oversees a public financing system for political campaigns and promotes voter education efforts. The Commission was authorized by the Clean Elections Act approved by Arizona voters in 1998. The deadline to submit applications has been extended to **January 13, 2006 until 2pm**. Applications are available by either contacting the office of the Secretary of State at 602-542-0681 or through the Secretary of State website www.azsos.gov.

Application is open to residents of all Arizona counties outside of Maricopa County, who are not registered Democrats, and who have not held or run for a public office or served as an officer of a political party within the last five years. These restrictions are due to limitations in the Clean Elections Act concerning county residence and political party registration. To be eligible, applicants must have been registered with the same political party or as an Independent for the last five years.

Under the Clean Elections Act, the new member of the Commission will serve a five-year term beginning February 1, 2006 and ending January 31, 2011.

Commission members are barred from seeking or holding any public office, serving as an officer of a political party, and employing or being employed as a lobbyist during their term on the commission and for three years following. They are paid \$230 for every day the commission meets and reimbursed for travel expenses.

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